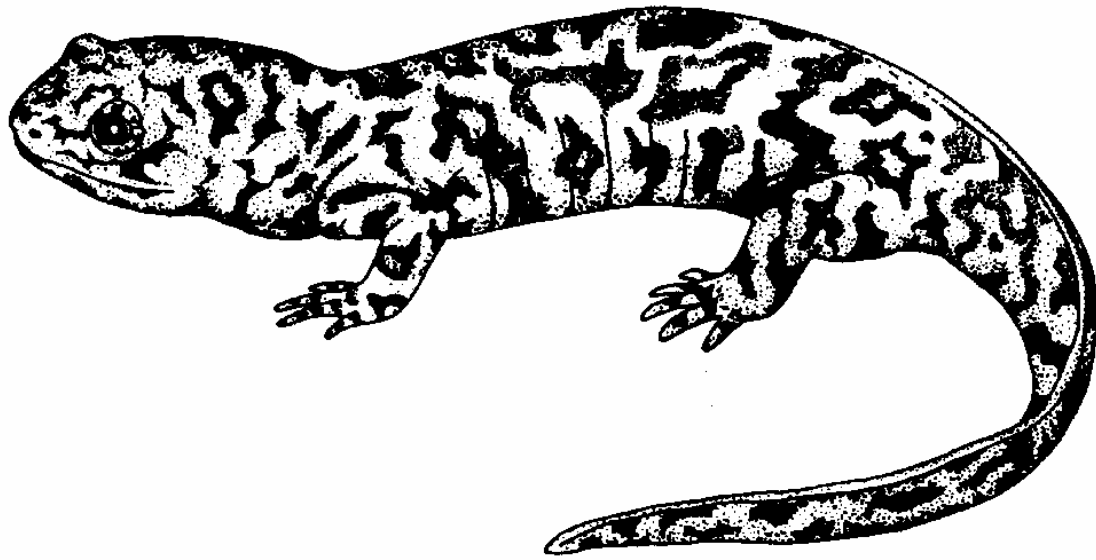


# Pacific Giant Salamander



The pacific giant salamander is the largest terrestrial salamander in the United States. It can reach lengths of over 12 inches. All salamanders start their lives in water and look like tadpoles when they are very young. Adults search the forest floor for food at night and hide underground during the day. When disturbed they make a sound that is similar to a barking dog. They may also attempt to bite and are capable of inflicting a painful cut!



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